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The garrison of Stribro, Czechoslovakia (12°45' N 13°00' E) is made up of one infantry and one artillery unit. It is believed that these units are both regiments. The code number of the artillery unit is 5303.1

2. The military now occupies the former Stara Posta Hotel.
3. The bridge in Stribro is being enlarged and strengthened to withstand the weight of tanks.
4. A new development has been built near the Stribro military barracks to serve as billets for officers. All garrison officers must live in these quarters in order to avoid contact with the local population.
5. Bunkers in the Stribro fortifications, built in 1937, have been cleaned and repaired by the Army. Openings in the bunkers have been barred and latches have been put on doors.
6. The "irreliable" elements of the Stribro population were evacuated in 1951. These people were mostly members of the intelligentsia; they have been resettle in a village in the Marlowy Vary area and assigned to work in the kaolin mines. The houses which were thus made available have been assigned to local party officials.
7. Whereas before the war the town had a population of about 11,000, there are now only about 4,000 residents.
8. The iron mines in the Stribro area have been investigated by Russians for the presence of uranium ore. The Soviets came from the Pribram mining district headquarters. The 250 meter depth of the pit was insufficient for the extraction of uranium (sic), and the project was abandoned. The mines are run by a "worker's director" - a worker who has had special management training - who is trying to do away with the influence of technically-skilled personnel.

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